Suspension of Supply of Crude by Malaysia

1139. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malaysian Government have unilaterally suspended supply of crude against the contract signed between the two countries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the outcome of the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues involved in the suspension of crude by Malaysia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Introduction of trains to Himachal Pradesh

1140. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh is the first preference for tourists' attraction after Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is continuous increase in the flow of tourists to Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the number of new trains introduced to and from Himachal Pradesh to meet the need to tourist traffic of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No study has so far been undertaken by the Department of Tourism to assess the preference of tourists in this regard.

(b) The total number of tourists visiting Kashmir Valley and Himachal Pradesh during the following three years has been as under:—

Year	No. of tourists visiting	
	Kashmir Valley	Himachal Pradesh
1989	5,57,977	11,21,373
1990	10,722	10,06,677
1991	6,415	12,22,348

(c) To meet the seasonal rush of tourists, the load of important Mail/Express trains serving Himachal Pradesh such as Kalka Mail and Jammu Mail is augmented. A special train is also now running between Delhi and Jammu Tawi via Chakki Bank on biweekly basis for serving tourists visiting Dalhousie, Dharamshala, Kulu Manali, etc. in Himachal Pradesh. It is proposed to make this service a regular triweekly train from July, 1993.

EMU Coaches between Howrah and Midnapore Section

1141. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce more EMU coaches between Howrah and Midnapore section of South Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. South Eastern Railway has been allotted 15 motor and 15 trailer coaches during the year 1992-93. These coaches are meant to replace overaged EMU coaches and partially to augment the capacity of existing EMU rakes from 8 car to 9 car formation.

Setting up an EMU coach Factory at Durgapur

1142. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land was

allotted at Durgapur in response to a request by the Railway Board for setting up an EMU coach factory there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken by the Railways to set up such factory there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

EMU Coaches Factory at Durgapur

1143. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an EMU Coach factory at Durgapur, West Bengal;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of financial constraints, there is no proposal to set up any such factory, for the present.

Running of Alleppey-Tatanagar Express

1144. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run Alleppey-Tatanagar Express from Kharagpur instead of Tatanagar so that more people can avail of this train;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For want of spare accommodation in this train, Kharagpur is already linked with South by convenient fast trains.

Trains between Siliguri and Katihar

1145. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of passenger trains between Siliguri and Katihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 5717/5718 Katihar-Alipurduar Dooars Express restored from 1-1-93 is not fully patronised.

EMU Coaches between Panskura and Haldia

1146. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the difficulties faced by the commuters travelling between Panskura and Haldia section of South Eastern Railways, due to limited EMU coaches, there is any proposal to increase the frequency of EMU coaches between Panskura and Haldia;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof?

(c) the steps so far taken by the Railways in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for neglecting this section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir. The present three pairs of services are adequate.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Introduction of Pantry Car in Mahanadi Express

1147. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Pantry Car in Mahanadi Express;

(b) whether it is proposed to be